



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Bruford et al

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For: PICKUP TRUCK WITH LIFT ASSISTED TAILGATE SYSTEM

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 23, 2004, and having a shortened statutory period for response running to and including May 23, 2004, Applicants respond as follows: